

Perfins Relating the Vignette of the Stamp to the User

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Anyone who has sorted through a mixture of U. S. perfins has probably found numerous copies of Scott #1029 with the [CU] monogram perfins. I finally looked up the pattern user and the vignette of the stamp. I found that the user was the 'who' commemorated in the vignette of the stamp – Columbia University in New York City. The stamp was issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the University.



On checking I found that other combinations exist which range from direct to less obvious; but the relationship is there. Due to the relationship most of the users used an abundance of the perfinned stamps. I am sure I have seen a hundred of the Columbia University one. One could readily put together a nice little collection of these stamps.

Below are shown a few of the combinations I have found. This is just a very brief beginning to this enjoyable specialty collection. The only limit here is imagination!



M8.7 (Circle(M)) – State of Michigan in
Sc #775 – Michigan State Centenary



P188 (PPI/Eco) – Panama Pacific International
Exposition Co. in
Sc #398 – Pan Pacific Exposition



W111 – (WIS) – State of Wisconsin in
Sc #957 – Wisconsin State Centennial

The above are very direct relationships; those following are less so.



S216 (SP) – Southern Pacific Lines in
Sc #922 – Completion of the Transcontinental
Railway



U56 (U.OF/M) – University of Minnesota in both
Sc #1106 – Centenary of Minnesota Statehood
Sc # 1026 – Higher Education